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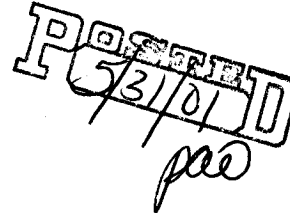
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Re: Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services Pursuant  
to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of  
1996

Dear Mr. Walsh:

In connection with our filing on May 16, 2001, we would request that the hearing date be reserved. It is our understanding that the week of July 23, 2001 is available and that Commission staff has tentatively reserved that week for purposes of hearing matters concerning BellSouth's Application to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. We would request that the week of July 23 be formally reserved for purposes of the hearing of this matter.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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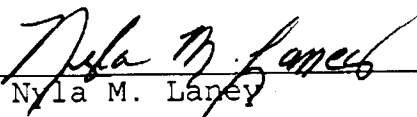
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